Theron copy of Benjamin Greenleaf, A.M., THE NATIONAL ARITHMETIC, ... I took the Xerox today hoping that the pencil would show up well on the Xerox machine, but alas it did not.

Just now in the kitchen I showed to HLP the inscription; she read the word as "Lake" and she would see the last digit of the year as an "8" — 1878. HLP remarked that Theron and Mary Emma had one in 1881 and he would [not] be going to school when he had Children. At the suggestion of HLP I put a strong flashlight and a magnifying glass to the inscription; I am no longer in doubt about the date — I see it as "1870." The "Lake" still puzzles; it Could be "Life." "